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G.O. No. 3454 P.H.

Dated 4-10-49.

[Despatch Abstract.]

College and Schools of Indian Medicine - L.I.M. Course - Rule 3 of the prospectus - Re: competence of L.I.Ms. to undertake legal etc- work - Amendment papers recorded.

Education and Public Health (H_2)

Subject: School of Indian Medicine - L.I.Ms.- Competence to undertake Medical, Surgical etc. work.

From the Principal, College of Indian Medicine, Rc.No. 7425-1-C4 48, dated 22-4-48.
From the Special Officer for Reorganisation of the Department of Indian Medicine, 5916-B/47, dated 12-5-48.

Memo. No. 36398/48-3-H_2 dated 28-7-1948.

The Principal, College of Indian Medicine and the Special Officer for Reorganisation of the Department of the Indian Medicine propose that rule 3 of the prospectus of the school of Indian Medicine may be amended with a view to provide that the alumini of the School are competent to undertake medical, surgical, obstetrical, medico-legal and Public Health work. A copy of the statement showing the existing and the proposed rule 3 is enclosed. A copy of the curriculum of studies in Modern Medicine for the L.I.M. Course is also enclosed. The Surgeon General is requested to make a report to Government as to whether L.I.Ms. can be considered to be competent to take medical, surgical, obstetrical, medico-legal and public health work. He is requested to consult the Director of Public Health regarding the competence of L.I.Ms. to take up public health work. He, may, obtain from the Principal, College of Indian Medicine, ~~whether~~ information is required in this connection.

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26-7-48.

To the Surgeon-General .(With a copy of p. 5 c.f. and a copy of the curriculum at Madras Medicines on pp-8-10- c-f- of L.I.E.)

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Medical Department.

From

Col. S.L. Bhatia, CIE. M.C. M.A. M.D. (Cantab) F.R.C.P. (Lond) FRS(E).,
Surgeon - General with the Government of Madras,
Madras - 6.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

R.No. 65008-M1-48, dated 1-10-1948.

Sir,

Ref: Government Memorandum No. 36398/48-3-H2, dated 28-7-1948.

Sub: L.I.Ms . - Competence to undertake medical, surgical and public Health work.

With reference to the Memo. cited above, I have the honour to invite attention to my letter R.No.22807-M1-4 dated 5-8-1947, to Government wherein the status of L.I.Ms. was fully discussed. The present request to recognise L.I.Ms, as competent to do surgical work etc. seems to be a step forward. Even the L.M.P. course which involves a strenuous course of study in many aspects of allopathic system of medicine is not considered sufficient to produce a basic doctor to satisfy the requirements of the public. It is therefore needless to point out that L.I.Ms. who put very little study in allopathy as compared to even an L.M.P. cannot at all be considered competent to undertake medical, surgical, medico-legal etc. work. If a practitioner in Indian Medicine wants to be proficie in Western System of Medicine also he must undergo separately a course of study in a Medical College after his studies in Indian Medicine, The Dorector of Public Health also is not in favour of entrusting the L.I.Ms. with Public Health work without a special Public Health training.

Yours faithfully,

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For Surgeon General with the Government of Madra

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From
Dr.M.R.Guruswami Mudaliar, B.A., M.D.,
Hony. Director of Indian Medicine,
Madras - 10.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras -9.

R.C.No.4415-B/49, dated 6-9-1949.

Sub: L.I.M'S ~~competence~~ comptetence to undertake medical, surgical etc., work.
Ref: Government Memorandum No.36398/48-H2(PH) dated 25-3-1949.

I am to state that ~~the~~ Rule 3 of the Prospectus does not require to be amended in the light of the recommendatio of the Chopra Committee -(refer to Para 346 page 190 of Vol.I. of the Chopra Committee Report).

Yours faithfully,

M.R. Guruswami.

HONORARY DIRECTOR.

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From

Dr. M.R. Gurnaswami Mudaliar, B.A., M.D.,
Hony. Director of Indian Medicine,
Madras - 13.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras -9.

R.C.No.4413-B\4 -9, dated 6-9-1949.

Sub: I.I. 's exemptions competence to undertake medical, surgical etc., work.

Ref: Government memorandum No.36399\48-HS(PH) dated 25-3-1949.

I am to state that the Rule 3 of the Prospectus does not require to be amended in the light of the recommendations of the Chopra Committee -(refer to Para 346 page 190 of Vol.I. of the Chopra Committee Report).

Yours faithfully,

M.R. Gurnaswami.

HONORARY DIRECTOR.

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S U M M A R Y:

Issued as Memo.No. 35398/48-3-H2 dated 28-7-1948.

From the Surgeon General, R.No. 65008-M1-48, dated 1-10-48.

In rule 3 of the Prospectus of the School of Indian Medicine, the first sentence runs as follows:-

*"The School is intended to provide such training ~~et~~ to its alumni as will enable them to become competent practitioners of Indian Systems of Medicine with a good working knowledge of the Western system also". * X

The Principal, College of Indian Medicine and the Special Officer for Reorganisation of the Department of Indian Medicine, have proposed that this sentence may be expanded by adding the following at the end:-

@" With a view to undertake medical surgical (including obstetrical), medico-legal and Public Health work". @ A

2. In 1928, the question of indicating in the form of L.I.M. diploma as 'A' above was considered and it was decided that the form should be so modified as to enable its possessor to practise only as a Licentiate in Indian Medicine because the instruction in Surgery and Midwifery given in the School was not sufficient to recognise L.I.Ms. as duly qualified to practise them . In 1940, the Principal, School of Indian Medicine, again requested that the form of L.I.M. diploma might be modified so as to indicate that L.I.Ms. were duly qualified to practise Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery. This was also rejected. The Surgeon General and the Director of Public Health have been consulted on the present proposal. The Surgeon General states that even the L.M.P. course which involves a strenuous course of study in many aspects of modern medicine is not considered sufficient to produce a basic doctor to satisfy the requirements of the public and that L.I.Ms. who study very little of modern medicine as compared to even to L.M.Ps. cannot at all be considered competent to undertake medical, surgical, medico-legal etc. work. He invites attention to his remarks in connection with the question of declaring L.I.M.S. as equivalent to L.M.Ps. There he opined that L.I.Ms. could not be considered in any way equivalent to L.M.Ps. (for the reasons extracted at (A). He further suggests that if a practitioner of Indian Medicine wants to be proficient in Modern Medicine, ~~an~~ he should undergo separately a course of study in Medical College. The Director of Public Health states that L.I.M.S. cannot be entrusted with the Public Health work without a special Public Health training. In the above circumstances ~~and for the reasons stated in pp.8-12 ante~~, the proposal At 'A' ~~on page 13 ante~~ need not be accepted. For Orders

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18-9-48.

@We may await the Government of India Committee's report which will contains proposals regarding the status of these students@

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20-9-1948.

I understand that the report referred to at *A is ready. Let us wire to the Government of India for a copy. Hon'ble Premier and Hon'ble Minister (Public Health) signed on 31-12-48 that a copy may be obtained at once.

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3-1-49.

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(Issued as Telegram dated 3-1-49.)

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From the Government of India - Ministry of Health -
No. F-8-7/48 Pr. dated 6-1-49.

The Chopra Committee Report has since been received and the Special Officer for Reorganisation of the Department of Indian Medicine has separately been asked to examine the recommendations of the Committee and submit proposals. The proposal in this file is that rule 3 of the prospectus of the School of Indian Medicine may be amended so as to incorporate therein that the alumini of the School are competent to under take medical surgical (including obstetrical) medico-legal and public health work. The Special Officer ~~very~~ may be asked to state whether this proposal is in consequence with the recommendation of the Chopra Committee. Subject to orders, a draft Memo. is submitted for approval.

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25-3-48.

(Issued as Memo.No.36398/48-4H2 P.H. dated 25-3-49).

From the Hony. Director of Indian Medicine, Rc.No. 4415-B/49, dated 6-9-49.

Please see the notes from p. 1 ante. The Honorary Director of Indian Medicine states that rule 3 of the prospectus of the School of Indian Medicine extracted at 'X' on p. 1 ante does not acquire to be amended in view of the recommendation of the Chopra Committee in para 346 of its report. The proposal of the Special Officer for Reorganisation of the Department of Indian Medicine and the Principal, College of Indian Medicine, to amend the above rule as at 'A' on p. 1 ante may therefore be dropped.

2. May be circulated to Hon'ble Minister (Public Health) and Hon'ble Premier - Vide minutes ~~on p. 12 ante~~.

(From 1 ante).

Please await ~~notes~~ order on the file re. issue of medical certificate.

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15-9-49.

Orders have since been passed in the file re: issue of medical Certificates by L.I.Ms. and the file is in issue branch. It has been decided that L.I.Ms. should not be permitted to issue medico-legal certificates. The Honorary Director's suggestion on p. ~~89~~ 3 may therefore be accepted and the papers recorded.

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26-9-49.

G.O.3454, Public Health, dated 4-10-49.

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